REMARKS.

The specification has been amended at various places to associate sequence identifier numbers (SEQ ID NO:) with each amino acid residue sequence discussed in the specification. The specification also has been amended to correct various obvious typographical errors and to cross-reference the parent PCT application.

Claim 1 has been amended to add sequence identifiers. Claims 2-20 have been cancelled, and new claims 21-37 have been added to place the claims in conformity with U.S. claiming practice.

No new matter is added by these amendments. An early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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